## BEFORE

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

## SOUTH CAROLINA

## DOCKET NO. 2002-319-T - ORDER NO. 2009-433

JUNE 18, 2009

IN RE:	Application of Easy Movers, Inc. for a Class	)	ORDER APPROVING
	E (Household Goods) Certificate of Public	)	ONE-TIME
	Convenience and Necessity	)	AMENDMENT OF SCOPE
	·	)	OF AUTHORITY WITH
		)	CONDITION

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on the request of Easy Movers, Inc. ("Easy Movers" or "the Company") for a one-time amendment of its scope of authority to move household goods. The Company's approved scope of authority is from York, Chester, and Lancaster Counties to all points and places in South Carolina. See Order No. 2003-49, dated January 31, 2003. Easy Movers asserts that it has a customer whose household goods were moved from Clover, South Carolina to Hilton Head Island, South Carolina in January 2008. This customer is now requesting that the Company move her household goods back to Clover, South Carolina. The customer was pleased with the Company's services in January 2008, and states that she "does not want to take a chance to let anyone else move her." The customer would like Easy Movers to perform the move on June 24, 2009. At present, the Company's approved scope of authority does not allow the proposed move from Hilton Head Island, South Carolina back to Clover, South Carolina. Therefore, Easy Movers requests a one-time amendment of its scope of authority to allow the move from Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, back to Clover, South Carolina.

The Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has concerns about the proposed onetime amendment and opposes it. ORS cites possible substantial administrative burdens for both the Commission and it in monitoring one-time requests such as this one. ORS believes that this request virtually assures that other carriers would make similar requests. ORS also cites possible insurance coverage issues if a carrier is operating outside its approved scope of authority. The agency recommends that Easy Movers file a formal application for state-wide authority if it wants to make moves outside its presently approved scope of authority.

Whereas we understand the ORS' arguments, we believe that Easy Movers has presented this Commission with unique circumstances, and we approve the one-time amendment of the Company's scope of authority. This matter involves a customer who has utilized, and was satisfied with the Company's moving services, and simply does not want to entrust the movement of her household goods to any other mover for a return trip. We do not view this Order as precedential for other movers, and we do not believe that this request would set a precedent for numerous requests in the future.

Further, with regard to this proposed move, this Commission wants to be sure that the Company has the necessary insurance. Accordingly, we hold that, as a condition of our granting the one-time amendment of the Company's scope of authority, that Easy Movers must present satisfactory evidence of insurance coverage for the move to the ORS before making the move.

In summary, we grant the request for a one-time amendment of the Company's scope of authority, which would allow Easy Movers to move the requesting customer's

household goods from Hilton Head Island, South Carolina to Clover, South Carolina,

conditioned on the Company's providing satisfactory evidence of insurance coverage for

the move to the ORS prior to the move taking place. However, for future reference, we

would urge the Company to make formal application for a change in scope of authority,

rather than a request for a one-time only amendment in the approved scope of authority,

if it desires to make moves outside of its presently approved scope of authority.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the

Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Elizabeth B. Fleming, Chairman

ATTEST:

John **E**. Howard, Vice Chairman

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